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ASRS executive appointed to state post on college savings oversight committee

Gary R. Dokes, Chief Investment Officer at the Arizona State Retirement System, has been appointed by Gov. Janet Napolitano to the state Family College Savings Program Oversight Committee.

The state-wide committee makes recommendations regarding program managers and administration of Arizona's 529 savings plan, a tax-deferred plan set up to the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education. The Arizona Family College Savings Program is a tax-deferred plan set up to assist families saving for their children's education.

Mr. Dokes has served as Chief Investment Officer at the ASRS since November 2003. He has been with the Retirement System since 1997, serving as Acting CIO and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager.

As Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Dokes is responsible for the management of approximately \$22 billion in ASRS assets invested in U.S. equities, U.S. fixed income, international equities and real estate. The ASRS, with a membership of more than 400,000, uses internal and external money managers.

Mr. Dokes has more than 16 years of investment management experience. Prior to joining the ASRS, he served as Senior Portfolio Manager for the Alaska Permanent Fund.

Mr. Dokes has also served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Finance at the University of San Diego Olin School of Business Administration and has been a speaker at numerous national investment conferences. He holds a master of finance degree from the Olin School of Business at the University of San Diego, and a bachelor of finance degree from San Diego State University.

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